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SUBJECT: ICEM PROPOSAL TO RESETTLE ANGOLAN RETURNEES

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1. ICEM OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS HAS BEEN TALKING IN GENERAL TERMS OF A PLAN FOR THE POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT OF 12,000 ANGOLAN RETURNEES FROM PORTUGAL, MAINLY TO BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA AND AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS UP TO DOLS. 4 MILLION HAS BEEN ISSUED. PER CAPITA COSTS FOR PROCESSING TRANSPORTATION AND PLACEMENT IN COUNTRY OF IMMIGRATION IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS. 700, WITH DOLS. 200 OF THAT AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND FUNDS FOR FINANCING EARLY MOVEMENTS REQUIRED WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS. WHILE THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ICEM OFFICIALS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, PROGRAM DETAILS CONTINUE TO BE ELUSIVE.

2. U.S. MISSION SHOULD AGAIN APPROACH ICEM TO DETERMINE
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SPECIFICALLY BASIS FOR 12,000 FIGURE AND EXTENT TO WHICH

THIS NUMBER IS A REFLECTION OF VALID RESETTLEMENT OFFERS
FROM POTENTIAL IMMIGRATION COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT
TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF SELECTION CRITERIA
AND POTENTIAL AMONG REFUGEES TO MEET CRITERIA. FULLEST
INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED PROCESSING TIME SHOULD BE
REQUESTED AS WELL AS ANY JUDGMENTS ON TIME-FRAME TO
COMPLETE PROGRAM. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE AN UPDATING
ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS IN
RESPONSE TO ICEM APPEAL.

3. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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